Airports Authority of India's (AAI),. the defaulting airlines are (Rs. in crores) NACIL-Air India - 739.50; Air Deccan - Kingfisher - 286.62; Jet airways/Jetlite - 32.78; Spicejet-15.76; Paramount Airways - 12.50; Interglobe Aviation - 6.00; Go Air - 8.81. Mumbai International Airport's dues are as follows: NACIL-52.90; Kingfisher Airlines - 9.05; Jet Airways - 6.80; Kingfisher/Air Deccan - 5.06; Go Airlines - 2.29; Air Indian Charters Ltd. - 0.80; Lufthansa Airlines - 0.80; JetLite (India) Pvt. Ltd. - 0.71; Malaysia Airlines - 0.63; Emirates - 0.61; Indigo Airlines- 0.57 Spice Jet Ltd. - 0.55; Singapore Airlines - 0.42; British Airways - 0.30; Kuwait Airways - 0.27; Dutch Airlines - 0.26; Airlines Allied Services - 0.25; Kenya Airways - 0.25; Elal Israel Airlines Ltd. - 0.23; Qatar Airways - 0.21; Saudi Arabian Airlines - 0.20; Ethiopian Airlines - 0.20; Other airlines - 3.18. Airlines owe Hyderabad International Airport Limited (HIAL) 48.75 crores as on date. The total dues of airlines as on 15.12.2008 on Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) is Rs.84.50 crores. Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) has an outstanding dues of Rs.41 crore from the airlines. Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) have also informed that there are some dues from National Carriers as well as from the private airlines and they are constantly following up with these airlines for early settlement of the same.

(c) Government has given instructions to AAI to take all possible steps including legal action, if warranted against the deafaulting airlines.

(d) and (e) Due to reduction in flights and passenger flow, there is reduction in the revenue on account of airport charges for AAI and other private airport operators. AAI has a decrease in revenue to the tune of Rs.228 crores during April to September 2008 as compared to the corresponding period in 2007. MIAL's aeronautical revenue has been on a lower side, for the period April, 2008 to November, 2008 by about Rs.79.83 crores. HIAL has seen a total revenue decline by 15%. DIAL has indicated reduction in revenue of Rs.50 crore (Approx.) for the year 2008-09. BIAL has also an impact to a certain extent. However, there is no major impact on CIAL due to the reduction in number of flights and passengers.

(f) The present declining trend is expected to be of a transitory nature. With the measures being taken by the Government to give fillip to the economy in general and various initiatives taken on civil aviation side, it is expected that the declining trend would reverse and the airport developers would generate sufficient internal resources to undertake infrastructure development projects. The Government will continue to support the projects in North Eastern Region and Other Crucial Areas, through budgetary support/grant.

Effect of high price of aviation fuel

2340. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the steep increase in price of aviation fuel has resulted in fare hike by low cost airlines and consequently large scale prevention of air travel by middle class families in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) is a major component of operational cost of the Airlines. Airlines raised fare due to rise in prices of ATF. Passenger traffic has also been affected by the global financial downturn of the economy.

The number of domestic passenger fell to 30.48 lakh in November, 2008 as compared to 38.72 lakh in November, 2007.

(c) The Government has taken various steps to help the domestic aviation industry which *Inter-alia* are as under:

(1) Custom duty on import of ATF has been abolished.

(2) The State Governments are being persuaded to reduce the sales tax on ATF. Government of Andhra Pradesh and in certain cases Government of Rajasthan have reduced the sales tax on ATF to 4%. Government of Maharashtra has also reduced sales tax on ATF from 25% to 4% for flights originating from airports other than Pune and Mumbai.

(3) The Oil Companies have also staggered the settlement of outstanding dues of Airline Companies over six months. Oil Companies have also extended the credit period.

(4) With the fall in global crude prices, the Oil Companies have been reducing ATF prices since September, 2008 and the prices are being revised fortnightly instead of monthly.

Airports in NER

2341. SHRI KHEKIHO ZHIMOMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number and other details of airports, State-wise, in the eight States of North-East India, with dates of their establishment, number of flights operated, airline operator-wise;

(b) the number of other details of helicopter services, State-wise, in the eight States of North East India, with dates of their establishment, the number of flights operated, airline operator-wise;

(c) the time by which the Chiethu airport will be completed in Nagaland; and

(d) the details of work done and money invested so far for establishing the Chiethu airport in Nagaland with the date of commencement of work and date of investment of first installment of money?